

II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-4 (Previously Cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer)

1. ~~8.~~ (Presently Amended) A vaccine comprising an isolated avian reovirus belonging to an antigenic class of avian ERS reovirusca ERS wherein the avian reovirus is able to induce antiserum in an animal, which antiserum causes a reduction of the plaques formed by avian reovirus ERS(isolate 1), deposited at the ECACC under accession no. 99011475, of at least 75% in a plaque reduction assay and wherein the avian reovirus positively reacts with polyclonal avian reovirus antiserum raised against strain 1133, but not with monoclonal antibodies identified by accessions nos. 99011472, 99011473 and 99011474, samples of which are deposited at the ECAC, and a pharmaccutical acceptable carrier or diluent.

2. ~~6.~~ (Original) The vaccine according to claim ~~8~~, which is in a live attenuated form.

3. ~~7.~~ (Original) The vaccine according to claim ~~8~~, which is in an inactivated form.

4. ~~8.~~ (Original) The vaccine according to claim ~~8~~, which further comprises an adjuvant.

5. ~~9.~~ (Original) The vaccine according to claim ~~8~~, which further comprises one or more vaccine components of other pathogens infectious to poultry.

Claims 10-13 (Previously Cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer)

6. ~~14.~~ (Previously Amended) A vaccine comprising an avian reovirus which is avian reovirus ERS, a sample of which is deposited at the ECACC under accession no. 99011475, and a pharmaccutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

7. Claim ~~15~~ (Previously Cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer)

7 ~~8~~ 16. (Previously Added) The vaccine of Claim ~~7~~⁵ wherein the one or more vaccine components comprises at least one vaccine component selected from the group consisting of infectious bronchitis virus, Newcastle disease virus, infectious bursal disease virus, fowl adenovirus, EDS virus and turkey rhinotracheitis virus.

8 ~~9~~ 17. (Previously Added) The vaccine of Claim ~~8~~⁵ wherein the one or more vaccine components are either one of a live attenuated form or an inactivated form.

Claims 18-23 (Cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer)

9 ~~10~~ 24. (Previously Added) The vaccine of Claim ~~9~~¹ wherein the avian reovirus is able to induce antiserum in an animal, which antiserum causes a reduction of the plaques formed by avian reovirus ERS, a sample of which is deposited at the ECACC under accession no. 99011475, of at least 80% in a plaque reduction assay.

10 ~~11~~ 25. (Previously Added) The vaccine of Claim ~~10~~¹ wherein the avian reovirus is able to induce antiserum in an animal, which antiserum causes a reduction of the plaques formed by avian reovirus ERS, a sample of which is deposited at the ECACC under accession no. 99011475, of at least 90% in a plaque reduction assay.